

## **Frequently Asked Questions about Regional Human Services Planning at Maricopa Association of Governments**

### *What is the Maricopa Association of Governments?*

The Maricopa Association of Governments (MAG) is a council of governments that serves as the regional planning agency for the metropolitan Phoenix area. When MAG was formed in 1967, elected officials recognized the need for long-range planning and policy development on a regional scale. MAG addresses issues that cross boundaries such as transportation, air and water quality, population projections and human services.

### *How does MAG conduct regional planning in the area of human services?*

MAG addresses regional human services priorities by engaging the community and Committees in conducting research and special projects, facilitating application processes and developing regional plans.

### *What areas are addressed through human services planning at MAG?*

#### General Human Services

The MAG Human Services Coordinating Committee advises the MAG Regional Council on human services-related issues and develops regional human services plans. It is supported by its technical counterpart, the MAG Human Services Technical Committee. The two Committees develop allocation recommendations for the locally planned dollars of the Social Services Block Grant.

#### Homelessness

The MAG Continuum of Care Regional Committee on Homelessness develops and implements updates to the Regional Plan to End Homelessness, prepares a consolidated application to the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development to support homeless assistance programs, and implements projects critical to the application such as the Annual Homeless Street Count.

#### Domestic Violence

The MAG Regional Domestic Violence Council develops and implements strategies to reduce the incidence of and trauma associated with domestic violence, including the Regional Plan to End Domestic Violence. Areas of focus include training for first responders and healthcare professionals, teen dating violence, and research.

#### Human Services Transportation

The Elderly and Persons with Disabilities Transportation Program Committee determines a priority listing of Section 5310 applications for vehicles, radio equipment, software and mobility management funds to transport older adults and people with disabilities for the Arizona Department of Transportation. All funding recommendations are consistent with the MAG Human Services Coordination Transportation Plan. The mobility needs of older adults are also addressed in the MAG Regional Action Plan on Aging and Mobility.

### *What materials are available through MAG?*

MAG provides a number of resources at no charge to the community. These include domestic violence safety plans, resource brochures, reports on emerging human services issues, plans to address these issues, and maps. Presentations are available on a wide variety of topics. Materials are available at [www.mag.maricopa.gov](http://www.mag.maricopa.gov). Resources for teens about dating violence may be found at [www.WebofFriends.org](http://www.WebofFriends.org).

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